

French Demands Bring Conference Close to Impasse

Situation is now further complicated by the resignation of the March Cabinet—Mediterranean Security Pact. Not Favored by Britain or United States.

London, Feb. 18 (AP).—George Leygues, French Minister of Marine, acting on behalf of the French Delegation to the Five Power Naval Conference, called on Ramsay MacDonald, British Premier, today and informed him that pending a solution of the French political crisis the French delegation would have to mark time here.

M. Leygues had hoped to return to Paris today but last minutes instructions of M. Tardieu, who will act as Premier until himself or another is designated, bade him remain in London and act as observer at the conference. Naturally, M. Tardieu, Briand and Poincaré will remain in Paris until a new cabinet is formed.

Conference observers saw little prospect of improvement of the situation with advent of a new regime in Paris. M. Tardieu, it was believed, probably will succeed himself as Premier, and hang more tenaciously than ever to his naval program of 725,000 tons by 1937. The figures involve 240,000 tons construction.

Meanwhile the five power Naval Conference has become a four power Naval Conference. "Technically there is no French delegation, all having lost their status with the resignation of the government."

This development came at a time when the entire conference activities hinged upon and were built around the French stand. Since the middle of last week when French demands for just less than 725,000 Naval tons were made known the other Naval powers have been unable to proceed toward an agreement, realizing that unless France reduced its figures they would be forced into a Naval building program which probably would surpass any of their former expectations.

The French stand at first was not taken quite seriously, the idea being that it represented a basis for bargaining rather than an absolute minimum. Further discussion with the French representatives, however, did not improve the situation and Monday apparently brought realization that there probably was little use in asking France to lessen her demands.

Only Alternative Objectionable.

Only one alternative to the 725,000 tons Navy by the end of 1936 was offered, intimations being given that if the other Naval powers would join in a Mediterranean Security Pact the French might find some slight reduction possible. American objections to such a scheme were confirmed yesterday by the delegation; British objections were considered apparent from the first.

Even if a new premier is appointed at Paris, and he succeeds in forming a cabinet, it was not believed today the situation will be altered materially. The Tardieu demands have found considerable popularity in Paris. M. Poincaré, if designated head of the government, probably would seek no less than M. Tardieu; should M. Briand be made premier it was believed he would adhere to the Tardieu figures, rather than risk fall by abandoning them, but would use them as an argument in favor of further security pacts, a subject very near his heart.

Gives a Breathing Spell.

There was much conversation among the delegates of the four remaining powers today on what could be done in the absence of the French. In some quarters the tendency was to wait for the French crisis with something like a sigh of relief, since it postponed for several days further consideration of the French heavy tonnage demands, which have brought the conference to a real impasse.

While this political monkey wrench has damaged the conference machinery there were still parts of it running today, though greatly retarded. Prime Minister MacDonald asked Secretary Stimson and Foreign Minister Grandi to meet him this afternoon in the House of Commons for a consultation. Interest attached to this meeting particularly because it has been generally understood that Grandi has been preparing to publish a statement of Italy's position. This statement would be in effect an answer to France's claims for a tonnage of 724,000.

The American delegation met this morning under the leadership of Secretary Stimson and reviewed last night's conversations with the Japanese regarding naval ratios. The Americans also considered the position of the conference as affected by the fall of the French cabinet.

CONDITION OF QUEEN VICTORIA OF SWEDEN GRAVE

Rome, Feb. 18 (AP).—The condition of Queen Victoria of Sweden was said by her physician, Dr. Axel Munthe, today to be grave.

The Swedish colony here is considerably alarmed, remarking that Dr. Munthe, as well as King Gustaf, has spent the last few days at Her Majesty's village, not returning to his apartment at all.

King Gustaf had planned to go to the Riviera a few days ago but instead remained in Rome.

Many Guests at Business Men's Dinner Tonight

The Uptown Business Men's Association will hold a very important meeting at the Stuyvesant Hotel this evening, following a dinner at 6:30. It is expected that much will be said about the alleged dilatory tactics of the board of supervisors in failing to act on the procuring of a site for a new armory. President Morris Kaplan will preside and among the many distinguished visitors who will be present and who will be called on for an expression of their views will be Major E. J. Dempsey, Major O. R. Hiltchman, Captain Behrens, Captain Olsen, C. J. Hesselmann, Morton Finch, R. V. Roach, Major Ashton Hart, Harry Kaplan, Dr. Morton Low, J. Edward Conway and Daniel Hoffman.

Old Age Relief Bills Introduced

Four Bills Introduced in Legislature Last Night—Persons Over 70 Would Be Eligible.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 18 (AP).—New York state had before it today an old age poor relief program that contemplates sending persons to almshouses and would permit needy aged to receive aid rather than charity in their own homes. The state would pay half the aid extended—estimated at \$6,200,000 annually—and persons over 70 years would be eligible. The other half would be paid by counties. The average cost per year for each person was estimated at \$242.

Four bills to establish the program were introduced in the legislature last night.

The proposal is the result of study by the special commission appointed to investigate the subject of poor relief for the needy aged. Three members were named by the governor, three by the Assembly and three by the Senate.

About 51,000 persons need aid now, the report to the governor and the legislature said.

Senator Seabury C. Mastick, Republican, Westchester, as chairman of the commission said it was a "revolutionary step" in the policy of the state in regard to the discharge of its responsibility toward the needy aged. He said "unlike systems established in other states and countries, no maximum nor minimum is stipulated in the bills, but the amount will depend in each case on the circumstances of the individual and on the cost of living in the particular community. Half of the expense would be borne by the state and half by the counties."

The law would be administered by city or county welfare officials, under the general supervision of the state department of social welfare.

One of the bills to make the law effective would appropriate \$100,000 to permit its establishment.

The commission report mentioned that the plan would permit the needy to receive aid and "live among friends and enjoy a sense of freedom, self-respect and security."

Medical and nursing expenses as well as maintenance and support are included in the plan.

The commission condemned the almshouse as "a final descendant of the workhouse."

In fixing upon an average cost of \$242 per person per year, the commission explained that this must not be taken as a fixed charge. Each case would vary, it said, especially as many persons would not be wholly dependent. Persons to be eligible would have to have been resident in the state at least 10 years.

The report condemned the Dole system in use in Europe as too costly of operation.

River Steamers Still Running

The zero weather of Sunday and Monday has not prevented the usual daily trips of the steamers of the Hudson River Steamboat Company, which are still operating between here and New York. The zero weather made considerable ice in the Hudson river but the big vessels were able to break a way through.

ACTIVITIES AT RONDOUT LODGE NO. 343, F. & A. M.

As many members as possible are invited to attend the annual district convention, which will be held on April 3 in the rooms of Clister Lodge, No. 193, Saugerties. The work is said to be most instructive and helpful.

Clister Lodge of Saugerties is expected to confer the second section of the third degree for Rondout Lodge on the evening of March 17.

On April 7 there will be a social evening at Rondout Lodge and on April 21 the first degree will be conferred.

Shot or Beaten to Death.

Chicago, Feb. 18 (AP).—Mrs. Agnes Lavender, 35, reported missing last night by her husband, was found shot or beaten to death today. The woman apparently had been waylaid and slain in a lumber yard adjoining the tracks of the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad while on the way to the Forest Glen suburban station.

Stanley and Harrison Girl Return Home

Couple Went to Relatives of Stanley in Paterson, N. J.—Intended to Get Married, but Changed Their Minds.

Frank Stanley of Paterson, N. J., who gave his age as 19, and Sibbie Harrison, 13 years old, of the Subergies road, who disappeared together last Wednesday evening, have returned to the Harrison home. Stanley was brought to the county jail Monday by Trooper Russell T. Coons, after he had been arraigned before Justice of the Peace Alexander Speers on a charge of abduction.

The couple returned to the Harrison home Monday morning after nearly a week's absence and said that they had been to New Jersey where they visited friends of Stanley. The two left here, they stated in signed confessions, to get married, but after the required time the state procurator had transpired in New Jersey, they changed their minds and returned.

On their return, the state procurator was notified by Mr. Harrison. Stanley was examined, but was not furnished and he was paroled to the county jail to await the action of the grand jury.

Upon their arrival in Paterson where they stayed at the home of Stanley's relatives, a marriage license was obtained after they had sworn that the girl was of age. New Jersey law requires that the license be published three times in the local paper before the marriage can take place. The license was to have been published for the third time on Monday, but the couple decided to return to the girl's home minus the ceremony.

Miss Harrison is the granddaughter of Mrs. Anna Cooper, in the rear of whose farm Stanley had been camping with his parents for the past three weeks. The Stanleys are said to have been living in tents during their stay on the Cooper property. Stanley became acquainted with Miss Harrison during his stay and last Wednesday the two left the Harrison home declaring that they were going to visit Mrs. Cooper, who was ill. Later in the evening when Mrs. Harrison went to see her mother, she discovered that the couple had not arrived and the authorities were informed. No trace was found of the pair until they put in their appearance Monday morning.

\$200,000 FIRE THREATENS CENTER OF NEWPORT

Newport, R. I., Feb. 18 (AP).—Three business buildings were destroyed by fire with an estimated loss of \$200,000 and the center of the city was endangered in an early morning blaze today.

After four hours of fighting, during which aid was summoned from Fall River, Fort Adams, the naval training station, Middletown and Portsmouth, the fire was gotten under control about 5 A. M. Blankets of snow on the roofs of tenements and other structures helped to prevent the flaming brands from causing a general conflagration.

The fire apparently started on the top floor of the Odd Fellows block, a three-story wooden building, about midnight and worked through the structure before being discovered. The interior was a mass of flames when the first apparatus responded and the fire quickly spread to the adjoining Newport Realty structure, also a three-story wooden building.

Within a month the Coggeshall Building, located within a block of today's blaze, was destroyed in a \$100,000 blaze during which business school students had to leap from windows into life nets.

FIFTY MEN ATTACK TWO PROHIBITION AGENTS

Saratoga Springs, Feb. 18 (AP).—Federal authorities today began an investigation of an attack made Sunday on two prohibition agents from the Lewisburg headquarters while they were engaged in confiscating intoxicants at Troop, near here. One of the agents was reported severely beaten and removed to his home near Saratoga.

Fifty men are alleged to have assaulted the two prohibition agents when they attempted to take whiskey from a truck near a dance hall in Troop. The dry agents were not recognized as government officers, it is said.

Rescue Five Men.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Feb. 18 (AP).—Trapped on the upper floor of a building in the east side section of the city today, five men were rescued when their escape by stairways was cut off by smoke and flames. Four of the men were assisted to safety out windows and over a roof and woodpile at the rear of the building. The fifth, St. Forsthe, a cripple, was taken down a ladder at the front of the building.

Five Burned to Death.

Manewaki, Que., Feb. 18 (AP).—Five persons were burned to death and an unknown number injured today as fire destroyed the Calmar Hotel and two adjacent buildings. Efforts definitely to fix the number of casualties were rendered difficult by the fact that the injured were carried to scattered homes in the town as they were rescued from the burning hotel.

Dr. O'Connor Closes Office.

Dr. P. E. O'Connor has closed his office at 249 Broadway until Feb. 5.

Hoover Anxious That the Tariff Bill Be Passed

Chairman Snell Declares President Expressed the Desire That the Tariff Measure Be Passed in Some Form or Another and Gotten Out of the Way.

Washington, Feb. 18 (AP).—After a breakfast conference with congressional leaders today, President Hoover was represented by those attending the White House gathering as being extremely anxious that work on the Tariff Bill, long pending in the Senate, be completed as quickly as possible.

Senate Republican leaders informed the President that the tariff measure probably could not be passed before March 10.

Chairman Snell of the House Rules Committee, which guides legislation in that chamber, said Mr. Hoover had expressed a desire that the Senate be expedited along with the Tariff Bill and that the measure be passed in some form or another and gotten out of the way.

Resides Snell, those attending the breakfast included Speaker Longworth, Representative Tilson of Connecticut, the House Republican leader, Chairman Hawley of the House Ways and Means Committee, Senator Watson of Indiana, the Republican leader, Chairman Snoot of the Senate Finance Committee, and Chairman McNary of the Senate Agriculture Committee.

Walter Newton, Mr. Hoover's administrative assistant, also was present. Mr. Tilson said after the gathering that there was but little for him to add to his announcement of yesterday.

At that time, apparently frankly out of patience with the Senate, he warned that even after the Senate passed the Tariff Bill it would require several weeks to reach any sort of agreement between the widely varying views of the Senate and House.

Snell said that the Senate leaders had promised Mr. Hoover to continue to do the best they could, but had emphasized that they were confronted with difficulties in not having been able to muster a majority of votes on many of the tariff amendments.

The Rules Committee chairman said the House was practically up with its legislative program and that he and other leaders were most anxious that the Senate set the tariff out of the way so it could turn to other work.

"We went over this general situation with the President," he said. "We promised him to do all we could to hurry the program. The primary thing to do is get a Tariff Bill."

The Chief Executive, it was understood, informed the congressional leaders that failure of the Senate to dispose of the tariff legislation was disturbing to the country's business leaders.

The delay in the passage of the Tariff Bill, the congressional leaders were told, was holding up other important legislation, including most of the proposals made by President Hoover in his annual message and the recommendations of the Wickersham Law Enforcement Commission to reorganize prohibition enforcement.

\$1,000,000 Fund For Bribery

Chicago, Feb. 18 (AP).—Bribery of public officials from a \$1,000,000 fund of the U. S. A. Company, electrical contractors, was charged yesterday by the state's attorney's office in a petition filed in criminal court asking possession of the company's account books.

Assistant State's Attorney John E. Northrup informed the court that he wished the records to use in his investigation of the Chicago Sanitary District.

In the petition, George E. Chamberlain, president of the U. S. A. Company, who was recently indicted by a Federal Grand Jury on income tax evasion charges, is charged with withdrawing the \$1,000,000 from the company funds by means of checks made payable to himself.

With this money, Northrup charges, Chamberlain purchased valuable gifts for public officials, including lavish silver service sets, indoor golf outfits costing \$1,000, expensive pieces of furniture and movie cameras.

The U. S. A. Company has received considerable work from the Sanitary District, one particular contract being that of the ornamental light installation on McCormick boulevard, built by the district. Much adverse criticism resulted over this award and at the time it was said the boulevard lights cost the district \$1,000 apiece.

A week ago, the state's attorney's office sought vainly to gain access to the contracting company's books, the court decreeing that the petition was not in proper form.

Attacks on Taxicabs Continue.

Pittsburgh, Feb. 18 (AP).—Attacks on taxicabs continued here today while efforts were being made to have Mayor Charles H. Kline ban the operation of cabs in the city until the strike of cab drivers is settled. Stones were thrown at three cabs. The windshield of one cab was broken. Men on a hillside hurled missiles at the machines. Several other attacks in the downtown district were reported.

First Ambassador To Poland, Dead

A. P. Moore, Newspaperman and Diplomat, Dies in Los Angeles—Will Be Buried Beside Wife in Pittsburgh.

Los Angeles, Feb. 18 (AP).—Alexander P. Moore, newspaperman and diplomat, lies in death here today while thousands of friends and acquaintances throughout the world mourn his passing. Mr. Moore, who recently was appointed by President Hoover to serve as America's first ambassador to Poland, died here yesterday after a brief illness with bronchial pneumonia. He was 63 years old.

Stricken recently while resting at Palm Springs, southern California desert resort, with what appeared to be a severe cold, the former ambassador to Spain and later to Peru, was removed to a Monrovia, Cal., sanatorium where an examination revealed an unsuspected lung infection which rapidly spread to the throat. He later was removed to the California Hospital here, where his condition grew worse.

Mr. Moore began his career as office boy for the Pittsburgh, Pa., Telegraph. He became a reporter and finally owner and publisher of the Pittsburgh Leader. His administration under President Warren G. Harding as ambassador to Spain from 1923 to 1925 was marked by the re-establishment of cordial relations between that country and the United States, bringing the good feeling to a higher point than had existed even before the Spanish-American War.

In March, 1928, he was appointed by President Calvin Coolidge to the diplomatic post in Peru, where he chiefly was responsible for restoring amicable relations between Chile and Peru.

His appointment as ambassador to Poland was announced about two weeks ago, while Mr. Moore was at Palm Springs.

The body will be sent to Pittsburgh for burial.

Burial in Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh, Feb. 18 (AP).—The body of Alexander P. Moore, United States ambassador to Poland, will be placed beside that of his wife, the former Lillian Russell, in a mausoleum in the Allegheny cemetery here when it arrives from Los Angeles, where Ambassador Moore died yesterday. Complete arrangements for the burial have not been made.

DIES TRYING TO RESCUE HUSBAND AND SON

Port Henry, N. Y., Feb. 18 (AP).—The devotion of a wife and mother sent her back into her blazing home today to lose her life beside her husband and her son in a fire which destroyed a two family house here today.

All three members of the family were burned to death, two being trapped in their bedrooms. They were Thomas Collier, 53, Mrs. Collier, 61, and their son, Thomas Collier, Jr., 23. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Green, living in the other part of the house, escaped.

Green discovered the fire first and notified firemen. While waiting for their arrival he saw Mrs. Collier run from the house and attempted to dissuade her from going back. He was unable to restrain her, however, and she rushed through the flames into the building which had become a veritable furnace in an attempt to rescue her husband and son.

Her body was found by firemen at the foot of the stairs leading to the bedrooms in which her family slept. The other bodies were found in their rooms on the second floor.

Origin of the fire was undetermined, but it had spread from one end of the building to the other before it was discovered.

GOVERNOR WILL GRANT REPRIEVE TO FRED EDEL

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 18 (AP).—Governor Roosevelt said today he would grant a reprieve to Fred Edel, who after three previous reprieves was scheduled to die Thursday night for the alleged murder of Mrs. Guy Harrington, a Binghamton actress.

Edel is charged with having murdered Mrs. Harrington in a New York City apartment.

A request for the fourth reprieve has been received by the Governor from Judge Charles C. Kott of the court of General Sessions, who presided at Edel's trial.

Were Given Trip to New York.

In recognition of the outstanding merit records they made during 1929, Mrs. M. A. Ellsworth and Miss M. A. Neenan, employees at the local Western Union office, were awarded a trip to New York, which proved educational as well as entertaining.

The trip included visits to the stock exchange, cotton exchange, Western Union office, a theatre party, and a dinner at the Roman Gardens. Several others from the first district were included in the Western Union party.

Temperature Moderates.

The zero weather of Sunday night and Monday was followed by a rising temperature and this morning the thermometers registered 20 and more degrees warmer than at the same hour on Monday.

No Business in County Court.

No business was transacted at an adjourned session of the county court held Monday afternoon. There was no jury in attendance. An adjournment was taken until February 28.

American Naval Guards Silence Group of Bandits

Shanghai, Feb. 18 (AP).—American naval guards unlimbered their machine guns and silenced a group of bandits yesterday when the latter fired on two steamers belonging to the Standard Oil Company of New York. The encounter took place on the Yangtze river about 150 miles above Ichang.

News of the encounter, which reached here today, said the number of casualties was not known. The bandits opened fire on the steamers and the naval guards, who had been placed aboard the ships to protect them, then went into action.

The recent wave of banditry in Hunan, Kiangsi, Szechwan, Anhwei and Kwangsi provinces had been described as serious. Attempted pillaging of foreign ships on the upper Yangtze caused American authorities to place armed guards aboard the Standard Oil Company ships operating on the river.

Seized by a pirate gang of 12 vessels chartered by the Standard Oil Company was reported at Canton last Friday. The vessels, Chinese junks, were carrying \$50,000 worth of oil and pirates were said to be holding them for ransom. The American consul sent a protest to the Canton military.

Death of Veteran Newspaperman

Gilbert H. Benedict Dies in Albany—Will Be Buried at Ellenville on Thursday.

Gilbert Hartwell Benedict, one of the best known newspapermen in the state, died Monday morning at his home, 151 Lancaster street, Albany, following a heart attack. He was 83 years of age. His remains will be taken to Ellenville for interment at 2:30 Thursday.

Mr. Benedict was born in Warwick, Orange county, where he received his education. In 1870 he came to his brother, the late Hon. Thomas E. Benedict, founder of the South Ulster Press, later the Evening Press. In 1880, when his brother, Thomas E., was appointed public printer by President Grover Cleveland, Gilbert went with him to Washington and became chief clerk in the government printing office. He held this position for several years and then became general manager of the Press Company. In 1890 he went to South America as representative of the Morganthauer Lumber Company. Returning to Albany in 1902 he acquired an interest in the Saratoga Daily Sun, being associated with his brothers, Thomas E. and Louis R. Benedict.

From 1910 to 1912 Mr. Benedict was editorial manager of the Kingston Daily Leader. January 12, 1919, he became managing editor of the Catskill Daily Mail, a position he filled acceptably until November, 1923, when he resigned and went to make his home in Albany with his daughter. In his earlier years Mr. Benedict was also connected with the Brooklyn Daily Eagle, the Goshen Independent Republican and the Monticello Watchman.

Beside his daughter, Miss Georgia Benedict, for several years connected with the State Library at Albany, he leaves two sisters, Miss Mabel Benedict of Albany and Mrs. Frances Hastings of Chester. Fraternally Mr. Benedict was affiliated with Catskill Lodge, No. 1341, B. P. O. Elks; Catskill Lodge, No. 468, F. & A. M.; Catskill Chapter, No. 286, Royal Arch Masons; and Catskill Council, No. 78, Royal & Select Masters.

Carhart Closes Local Branch

The Carhart Advertising Corporation has closed its local branch on East Strand, and is now doing all its business from the main office at Watervliet. Several years ago the concern purchased the old power house of the trolley road on the Strand, at the foot of Abroy street, and remodeled it to suit its needs. The building has been placed in the hands of the Max L. Heben Realty Corporation for sale.

TO ANNUL ENGAGEMENT OF PRINCESS HELENA

Bucharest, Rumania, Feb. 18 (AP).—There is general expectation that an announcement will be made annulling the engagement of Princess Helena to young Count Hochberg after Queen Marie and her daughter return from their Oriental tour.

Nothing is available in official quarters with regard to the rupture of the engagement but in aristocratic circles it was heard that the engagement had been made too hurriedly with insufficient investigation of the Hochberg antecedents. It was regarded as an unwise step.

Ten Cars Derailed.

North Troy, Vt., Feb. 18 (AP).—Ten cars of a Boston bound freight train from Montreal on the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railroad were derailed in this village early today and their contents, largely battery, strewn over the right of way. No one was injured. A broken wheel was believed to have been the cause of the accident.

Tardieu Cabinet Resigns After Adverse Vote

Believed That He Will Be Asked to Form New Government. Certain That France's Naval Policy Will Not Be Changed in Any Case.

Paris, Feb. 18 (AP).—President Doumergue's search for a new French Premier began this morning with customary consultations with political chiefs and party leaders. Former President Poincaré was among the first summoned to the Elysee Palace, the President wishing his views on the situation created by defeat of Premier Tardieu and his government in the Chamber of Deputies yesterday.

Camille Chautemps, Radical Socialist leader, and others of the left wing opposition which last night overthrew Premier Tardieu, also were included in the list of callers.

There was some mention of Aristide Briand, Foreign Minister in the last cabinet, as a possible selection to head the next government, and as possibly being able to gather a stronger majority for the moment while there was conflict between M. Tardieu's cabinet and the Chamber in matter of tax reduction.

It was generally conceded that selection of M. Tardieu once more was almost necessary because of his familiarity with affairs at the London Naval Conference, where he is considered in have raised considerably the prestige of France. No one else is considered quite so well equipped as he to flush that job.

If M. Tardieu does form the new ministry his government, it was expected, probably would lean a little more to the left than the retiring one. The Radical socialists, who once before refused to enter the cabinet, are now inclined, it is understood, to accept portfolios if satisfaction is given them on certain points.

Premier Tardieu's fall, since it came on a trivial clause in the budgetary legislation, obviously was a matter of internal politics. Hence it was necessary that the advice of the party leaders be given considerable weight in order that the government would be able to muster a substantial majority and prevent any further crisis interfering with the London conference or ratification of the Young plan.

It was regarded as certain, however, that France's naval policy would not be changed no matter who heads the new cabinet. This naval policy is the result of months of consultation by Premier Tardieu with all political parties and is based on a gradually developed attitude since the Washington conference. Premier Tardieu's stand has gained remarkable popularity, and general espousal by all except extremists.

Tardieu has stood for a French navy by December 31, 1935, of 724,496 tons, thereby wiping out some of the loss of prestige at the 1922 conference.

ALBANY MAN WITH \$3,500 IN NARCOTICS ARRESTED.

New York, Feb. 18 (AP).—An Albany man arrested with narcotics valued at \$3,500 was being held by police today on a charge of illegally possessing narcotic drugs.

Two detectives became suspicious when they saw the prisoner, who described himself as Dominick Fertina, 29, a laborer, and gave an address as 222 New Scotland avenue, Albany, receive a suitcase from another man last night. They stopped Fertina, opened the case and found it contained 27 cans of narcotics.

Police said Fertina was sent to Elmira Reformatory in 1927. He was given a suspended sentence in Broome County in 1925 for possessing narcotics and was sent from Albany to the Atlanta Federal penitentiary the following year on a similar charge. Police records also showed he was arrested on six different occasions in Albany on various charges but was discharged each time.

Appointed Notaries Public.

The following have been designated for appointment to offices of notary public in and for the county of Ulster by the secretary of state for a term of two years ending March 31, 1932: Anna C. Golden, 387 Broadway; Seth Jocelyn, 52 Maiden Lane; Dorcas M. Lazarus, 42 Linden Avenue; Alfred W. Touque, 17 President's Place, Kingston; Helen Jones, Cortkill; Esther B. L. Pratt, Stone Ridge.

Granted Divorce Decree.

An interlocutory decree of divorce granted by Justice Daniel V. McNamee in Supreme Court has been filed at the office of the Ulster county clerk in favor of plaintiff in the action brought by Cornelius W. Kidney against Viola Kidney. The parties were married in Kingston, January 23, 1923. N. H. Fessenden is attorney for the plaintiff.

Hope For Wrecked Steamer.

Astoria, Ore., Feb. 18 (AP).—Abandoned by her passengers and all but 24 members of her crew, the steamer Admiral Benson today was stuck fast in the treacherous sands of Peacock Spit, off the mouth of the Columbia river, and marine authorities held slight hopes of refloating her.